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## Political Mileager of Missile Gap Assuc

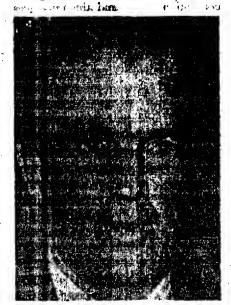
each began a month ago and apply on others going to continue until Secretary. But when all the politics secretary and the debate-lover the management of the Administration's defense in heres still can make an excellent case for their contention that a latered over an adequate defense and adequate defense

below, it is unfortunate that the was a map has become a political the losely identified with the Presiand aspirations of two Demo-. hopefuls-Senator Stuart Symof Missouri and Senator Lyn-Johnson of Texas. There is mahiv little political mileage in the that the Democrats have me anded against President Eisenhouse - military judgment. However wrong the President may be about missiles and deterrents and there in many qualified military experts to the capital who believe that he is merously mistaken-the Democrats are going to find it extremely difto did to convince voters that the temeral in the White House doesn't coon beans about either armaments an Russian intentions:

The issues that have been raised to Symington. Johnson and indeed one of the Administration's own needs are questions that have discorded many thoughtful persons on another in the Pentagon and down thought the State Department. The basic question that was not been answered to the satisfies of the Administration's critics.

is whather the United States has the power to deter a Soviet attack ... "The Administration and its critica are in general agreement that there as misele gop and that there will to one for at least two more years. But once Secretary of Defense Thomas Gates has conceded that the Soviet Union does have a greater missile capability than the United States has for the present, he does not go on to admit a deterrent half The Administration argues that it has enough B-52 hombers in the Strategie Air Command (SAC) to carry out a massive and atomic retaliation should the Russians attack Anterica or one of its allies.

General Thomas S. Power; the chief of SAC, thinks that his command can do the job if it is given more money so it can keep some of its planes constantly in the air during emergencies. Most of the Administrat



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Alad in epition would like to see SAC woted more money, but they are still new convinced that even a reinforced SAC drould close the deterrent gap. TarThe difficulty with the whole dehate over missile and deterrent gaps that the facts of Seviet military unight ware not precisely known and elle in she last analysis much dedion the evaluation of intentions della capabilities and admission intelligible productive expecities is with the strong warriery of sources tacinging Russian newspapers, books and his clentific publications: The American radar installations which more sing the Soviet Union can detect the launching of missiles and air Terminiversi i

Is the interest enough for American intelligence experts to know what the Soviet Union can do Despite all of the Booting from the Democrats and influential from the Busian economy as consumer goods and farm machinery.

Agency could be doubled and the Government still would not have precise—knowledge of Soviet military capabilities. We will probably never knowle exactly what the Russians will dol and we must hope that they will never know our capabilities down to the list bomber or missile either.

What we are striving for in our own intelligence estimates is a reasonably accurate determination of